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During her studies at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy, Loriann Furman spent several hours per week volunteering for a variety of projects including programs for poison prevention and patient education for over-the-counter medication for pediatric patients. She has been unselfish in her efforts to provide care to homeless patients throughout the Houston Outreach Medicine Education and Social Service (HOMES) Clinic, a multi-disciplinary clinic staffed by Houston area pharmacy and medical students. Loriann's typical responsibilities at the clinic included working with a medical student to perform an extensive history, physical examination, and review of a patient's underlying social issues. Cases were then presented to the attending physician. Then the students designed a drug therapy regimen. After approval from the physician and pharmacist, drugs were dispensed; the patient was counseled on the proper use of the drugs; and the patient was further referred for primary care through other organizations. To further increase the awareness of the needs of this homeless population, Loriann and a few other students prepared a paper, "Managing Hypertension in the Homeless Population."